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Sunday's Collection

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Central Hospital Of Doctor Weber '98 Receives Offering

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Situated In West Africa

For ten years Dr. H. L. Weber, Hamilton '98, has been devoting himself to the splendid and courageous work of the Central Hospital of the West Africa Mission of the Presbyterian Church. Hamilton students have for several years contributed small amounts on the third Sunday of each month to help finance this work, but many of them are only slightly acquainted with the nature of the hospital.

The Central Hospital is located in Elat, Ebolawa, Cameroun, West Africa. Its forty-two buildings of burned brick and cement are practically hand-made, for much of the time it was necessary to make materials on the spot. The hospital is the proud possessor of complete X-ray and dental equipment. In this it is unique, as no other hospital in the Cameroun has either of these.

Drs. H. L. Weber and R. H. McCracken in 1934 composed the entire white staff. The need of a trained white nurse is great, but none is available. Courses are held at the hospital for natives who wish to become medical and dental assistants in the hospital. From these students have been drawn the entire native staff of the hospital, which consists of sixteen men and eleven women. John Bulla Mfum is the Chief Medical Assistant and Endelémang the Chief Dental Assistant, while Eyinga Efa and Mon Abang are the head native nurses.

Evangelistic work is carried on parallel to the hospital work. During the last ten years 423 natives, on the average, have been converted to Christianity each year. The enthusiastic native workers in the hospital play an important part in the conversions, many of them

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New Southern Reform Begins At Vanderbilt

Commodore Vanderbilt's 1875 Gift Provides Basis For an Advance In Higher Education

Aids Graduate School

Purpose Is to Raise the Standards of College Work in Southern U. S.

Vanderbilt University, founded here by a $500,000 gift from Commodore Vanderbilt in 1875 and for two generations a leader in the battle to raise the standards of college work in the South, will start in September a program which promises the greatest advance in years in Southern higher education.

Announcement of the new policy came with the appointment of Dr. Oliver Cromwell Carmichael, president of Alabama College, as dean of the Vanderbilt Graduate School and Senior College.

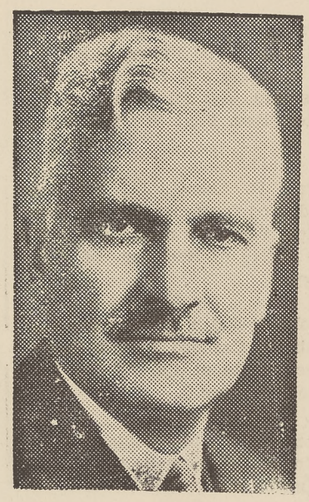
Under the program, the work of the graduate schools, which includes medicine, law, engineering, religion and the extension of work from the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences, will be expanded. No immediate additions to the faculty are contemplated, but the graduate faculty will be coordinated and stimulated to fresh endeavor, in the opinion of Chancellor Kirkland. Special emphasis will be placed on medical graduate work. Additional fellowships and scholarships are to be considered.

Equal emphasis will be placed on expansion of graduate work and on liberalizing of the work of the last two undergraduate years. The undergraduate arrangement will be along the general lines of that adopted by Princeton and other universities in other sections of the nation. The first two years will be devoted almost entirely to required subjects and the last two to elective subjects.

Graduate work at Vanderbilt has been under the direction of a committee, while all four undergraduate years have been supervised by one dean.

Annual Convention of Torch Club Centers in Hotel Utica

Torch Club Members Pay Visit to Hamilton For Addresses and Lunch in Commons



Dr. Frederick C. Ferry

For its eleventh Anniversary, the International Association of Torch Clubs chose Utica as the Convention city. The program, principally literary, embraced a period of three days, May 16, 17, and 18, with headquarters at the Hotel Utica.

On Thursday morning, the registration of the members and other business matters were taken care of, including an address welcome by Professor E. W. Smith, President of the Utica Torch Club, to which Dr. G. H. Ashley, president of the International Association responded. The business of the afternoon was composed of a series of four ten-minute addresses followed by discussions. In the evening a formal banquet was prepared in the Hotel Utica, at which the Utica Free Academy entertained, Elliot Stewart, soloist, presented two selections, and two more addresses were given, one on the "Torch Movement."

On Friday morning at 11 a. m., the Hill was host to the group. William Ross Lee was unable to speak on the Hill. President Ferry made an address in the Chapel and the choir presented a short group of songs, followed by luncheon in Commons Hall. At 2 p. m., all cars departed for Colgate for an afternoon of golf, swimming, tennis, or a baseball game between Colgate and Penn State, as pleased each individual taste. At 6:30 an informal dinner took place at the Colgate Inn, with several more intervening speeches. The convention was adjourned Saturday afternoon.

Addresses during the meetings were made by Dr. G. E. Vincent, ex-president of the University of Minnesota and former president of the Rockefeller Foundation; Dr. G. B. Cutter, president of Colgate University; Dr. F. C. Ferry, ex-dean of Williams, president of Hamilton College.

Hon. J. G. Schurman, ex-president of Cornell and former minister to China and Ambassador to Germany, besides many other nationally famous men. The Torch Club, as the name would indicate, is a group of men who have met for the pursuit of intellectual literary discussions, conducting a part of their meetings on the open forum plan.

Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' Given Monday Night

Presentation Under the Direction of Prof. Fancher Is Popular With Large Audience

David White Excels

Junior, As 'Hamlet', Gives Successful Portrayal Of Play's Title Role

Under direction of Professor Paul A. Fancher, the class in dramatic interpretation presented Shakespeare's "Hamlet" Monday evening in the Hall of Commons. This class, one of the five public speaking courses open to juniors, stages one play each semester. All productions, under the sole supervision of Professor Fancher, have been always greeted well by audiences consisting of Hamilton undergraduates and faculty and their guests. "Hamlet" proved as successful as previous presentations, and was equally well greeted.

Particular praise should be paid to David A. White '36, for his portrayal of the title role. White excelled in the serious passages, but was slightly lacking in the humorous scenes. Byron A. Johnson jr., '36, in the role of Claudius, and Benjamin B. Hickok, as Ophelia, also performed well. John D. Dale, as one of the grave diggers, handled the comic element very well.

The entire cast included Hamlet, David A. White jr.; Claudius, Byron A. Johnson jr.; Polonius, James D. S. Cooper; Horatio, Fendall W. Yerxa; Laertes, N. Lee Swartout; Orsic, James T. Dunn; Marcellus, Lucianus, Carl N. Jensen. Bernardo, Alexander McKenzie 3rd; Priest, Frances Baker; prologue, Frank T. Freeman; puppet king, Willard P. Soper; puppet queen, E. Kimball Renwick; first grave digger, John D. Dale; second grave digger, Elihu Root 3rd; Fortinbras, Robert S. Stockton; English Ambassador, Norman W. Howard; Gertrude, Frank B. Eraclitto; Ophelia. Benjamin B. Hickok; ghost, S. Arthur Halstead; gentleman, James Avery jr.

Freshmen and Sophomores Request That Competition Be Put Off Until May 27

Winning Class to Receive Loving Cup From Judges for the Best Rendition Of Prize Song, "Bright Hamilton"

Following the annual custom of many years' standing, the interclass sing will be held Monday evening, May 27 on the campus. The winner of the competition is presented with a silver loving cup after the ceremony, and the numerals of that class are inscribed on the cup along with those of the classes which have won in former years.

It is a custom for each class to sing three songs, one of which is called the prize song, which all classes sing, and two others which they choose themselves. This year the prize song is "Bright Hamilton", and upon this presentation is most of the judging based.

The seniors, under the direction of Walter G. Robinson, will sing, in addition to the prize song, the old favorite, "On the Banks of the Old Raritan" and another popular number, "Student Land."

With John Dale directing, the junior class will sing "Oh Hamilton" and the Cornell alma mater, "Hail Cornell", which they also presented last year.

James Frear will lead the sophomores in singing "Gather Close, Ye Boys and Men", one of Hamilton's most popular songs, and "Finlandia", a folk song.

The freshmen, with Gregory K. Dwyer leading, will present "Down, Down the Field Goes Old Hamilton" and "Fair Harvard".

The competition for the cup is always very keen and close. Last year the sing was won by the class of 1934.

The judges are the same as those who served last year, Professor A. P. Saunders, Professor Paul A. Fancher, and Mrs. Boyd C. Patterson.

Montgomery '36 New Council Head

Warren R. Montgomery '36 was elected president of the Executive Council of the General Association Friday morning after chapel. The week before Montgomery with LeFevre, Goss, and Connor was elected as the senior member of the council for next year.

Dr. G. Whicher Delivers Talk On Latin Poet

Dr. George M. Whicher, of Amherst, Mass., Friday evening at the Sigma Phi Place, delivered a lecture upon "Horace's Sabine Villa." His lecture was supplemented by illustrative slides showing the villa and some of the surrounding landscape. After his discussion of Horace's home beside the Via Tiburtina, Dr. Whicher read from his own poems and interpretations of Horace.

To give his audience an idea of the countryside around Horace's villa, the speaker explained some slides which showed the view from the four principal points of the compass. The most prominent landmark is Soracte, a limestone ridge which is all that remains after the erosion of a much larger mountain range. Dr. Whicher recommended to those present the description of Soracte as given in the fourth canto of Byron's "Childe Harold." On the eastern side of the villa is the remnant of a forest which is mentioned many times in Horace's writings, but the peasant women gathering wood and the goats pasturing there have materially reduced its size. It is estimated that at the present rate the forest will be obliterated in about forty years.

In 1910, the Italian Government appropriated funds for excavations on the site of the villa, and since then the boundaries of the entire house have been discovered. The house, which is all within the same outer walls, is 360 feet long by 143 feet wide, and was originally constructed during the Augustian era.

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Livadas '36 Is New Leader of History Club

Dennis J. Livadas '36 was elected president of the History Club for next year at its meeting last Wednesday, May 15. The other officers were Paul B. Thompson '37, vice-president, and Robert L. Allen '38, secretary.

The speakers at this meeting were James A. Rockwell '35, president, and Livadas. The topic of their discussions was the Model League of Nations which they recently attended as representatives of Hamilton at Syracuse. They discussed the meetings of this body, explained its purposes, and indicated what they thought the values of such meetings were. The meeting was held at the Lambda Chi Alpha House.

Rev. Carroll Perry Speaks In Hill Chapel

Points Out Distinction Between Terms, "The Good Man" and "Good Fellow"

The Rev. Carroll Perry, D.D., pastor of the First Ascension Church of Ipswich, Mass., delivered the sermon in the College Chapel Sunday. He chose as text the 11th verse of Samuel 28, "Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee, and Saul said, Bring me up Samuel."

Dr. Perry then pointed out that the story of Saul, Samuel, and the woman was one of the most humanly tragic and magnificent stories of the world's literature. It exemplified three types: the good man, the good fellow, and the good woman. Samuel, as a marvelous example of a good man, and a true representation of the right and the good, was a failure as a father.

Old Ceremony To Be Revived At Rochester

University Men to Renew Forgotten Customs of Former Graduation Days

ROCHESTER, N.Y.,—Men of the senior class at the University of Rochester, deploring the passing of such time-honored traditions as the pipe-smoking and the flowing bowl oration, have voted unanimously to revive them this year, and class day will once again be picturesque.

The passing of the unusual ceremonies came five years ago when the men's college was moved from town up on the River Campus, but the interest of the seniors was aroused this year when a box of ceremonial pipes buried by members of the class of 1868 was unearthed on the old campus. The seniors looked up old class day programs for details of the ceremony and decided to make it a part of their exercises along with the ivy oration and the flowing bowl ceremony.

On class day this year the men of 1935 will smoke their "peace pipes" together and bury them on the campus. Then the "flowing bowl," a silver loving cup, will be passed around to each student to drink from and will be kept at college until awarded to the first member of the class to be a father.

Was Los Chooses Six In Sophomore Class

In the past week six sophomores have been awarded the honor of membership in Was Los, the Junior Honorary Society. Next to Pentagon, membership in Was Los is the most coveted of non-scholastic honorary awards.

The men selected are Harry Massoth, John Edwards, Wesley Van Loan, Henry Estabrook, Isaac Sharpless, and Norman Ruhle.

"Hobart Plan" After One Year Judged Success

GENEVA, N. Y.—Hobart's commencement exercises, which will be held this year on the week-end of May 25-27, mark the close of the first year of the new "Hobart Plan." The graduation exercises are two or three weeks earlier than in most other colleges.

Under the "Hobart Plan," the first semester opened immediately after Labor Day and concluded with examinations, December 17. It was followed by a Christmas recess of one month. The second semester opening January 17, ends with commencement on May 27, closing the 113th year of the college.

Coal Mine Visited By Geology Classes

Thursday afternoon, a group of fifteen students from the classes of geology 6 and geology 8, and Dr. Rouse, left for an inspection of the mining process at an anthracite mine of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co. The mine is located at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The surface operations at the

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Professor Hess Prints Report

In the Journal of Experimental Zoology for April 5, 1935, Dr. W. N. Hess of Hamilton has printed a report of his three-year investigation of cataract in fish.

The article, entitled "Reduction of the Islets of Langerhans in the Pancreas of Fish by means of Diet, Overeating, and Lack of Exercise," was recently reprinted in pamphlet form. Part of the expense of this investigation carried out on trout, was defrayed by a grant from the National Reserach Council. The result of this experiment was, in the main, as indicated in the title, and that there seems to be a factor in the liver which stimulates the production of the Islets of Langerhans in the Pancreas. His report is apparently the first to deal with the taking of actual count of these Islets and throws a new light on the vital question of diabetes, and cataracts in fish.

Miracle Plays Are To Be Given At Mass. State Commencement

College Dramatic Society Will Present English Plays of Fourteenth Century, Dramatic Critic of New York Praises Movement for Its Novelty and Newness

AMHERST, Mass.—Representing a new venture in college dramatics, and classed by Burns Mantle, New York dramatic critic, who visited the college recently. as one of the most novel collegiate dramatic projects in his experience, the Roister Doisters, student dramatic society at Massachuetts State College, are planning a production of a cycle of four fourteenth century miracle plays, "On Corpus Christi Day," for presentation at commencement.

The plays, ranging from profoundly religious drama to secular farce, will be presented from two-storied wheeled floats as nearly as possible as they were in Wakefield, England, about the year 1400 to 1500.

Frank Prentice Rand, head of the department of English and coach of the Roister Doisters, is directing the production and has adapted the text to be used from the Chaucerian English of the Townley cycle, one of four great collections which have come down from that period of English drama.

Plays chosen for the presentation are: "Creation," as presented by the Tanners' Guild; "The Flood," as presented by the Carpenters' Guild; "Nativity," as presented by the Weavers' Guild, and "The Harrowing of Hell," originally presented by the Guild of Cooks.

Harvard to Give New Ph. D. in Education

CAMBRIDE, Mass.—President Conant of Harvard University has announced the creation of a new Doctor of Philosophy degree in "History of Science and Learning", designed to meet the increasing demand for teachers in this field.

The call for such teachers in American Colleges far exceeds the supply because of lack of specialized graduate courses of study leading to such a degree.

Broad Education Should Be Aim Of Students at Hamilton College

Interrelation of Departments Should Be Noted by Those Making Out Elective Cards. Field of Specialization Should not Be Limited in Undergraduate Work

Elective cards are due Wednesday in the President's office but there is still a little time between the publication of **Life** and that time in which to give the matter some serious thought.

It is a self-evident fact that many students select their courses for the hours at which they come hoping that they can arrange a schedule with no Saturday classes or one with no classes at the first hour. Then too, courses are selected because they have the reputation of being "snaps." Quite naturally some courses are easier than others, but the matter is so subjective as to render it impossible for generalization.

What many students fail to see is that a numer of the courses offered here on the Hill are related to one another.

The limited number of courses which is offered in any field of study here at college does not constitute all the courses given by the college which deal with that subject or might be applied to it. In English Literature, for example, one may take all the courses offered by the department, but he very soon finds that by specializing in English lit to the exclusion of the literature of the other languages, he is losing valuable aids. Latin and Greek are

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College Church Elects 5 Officers

At a meeting held Sunday morning of the members of the College Church, officers were elected for the coming year. Those serving on the Session for next year are: for the juniors, Warren Montgomery and Willard Soper; for the sophomores, James Frear and Harry Massoth; for the freshmen, Kenneth Soper. The retiring representatives of the senior class are Carl Ferry and Robert Stackel. Dr. Dale was elected Treasurer of the organization, and Mr. Moore will continue as Moderator.

The functions of the Session are to take charge of the communion activities, see to the disbursement of funds, and occasionally to attend and take part in student church conferences, several of which were visited this year.

The collection Sunday was partly for Doctor H. L. Weber's Hospital in West Africa and partly for the expenses of the College Church.

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A PROPOSAL

At this time each year when elective cards are due much discussion arises over the value of the elective system as it is here at Hamilton. There are several changes which we would like to see brought about in our system, which, we feel, would make it a better one.

Each student should be allowed to choose the field in which he wishes to major, but once he has chosen the field all courses in it should be required ones. This would give the student the opportunity of selecting the field in which he is most interested and would then give him a well-rounded education in that field.

Most undergraduates are too inexperienced with the field in which they are majoring to know what courses they should take and very often after a year or two they find they have missed things which they should have had, but that it is too late to get them. To avoid such misfortunes, we would like to see each field in which a student can major have a certain line of required study which must be pursued by the undergraduate for three years in order to get a major. These requirements in each field could be varied from time to time to fit individual needs whenever the instructors felt that such a procedure was necessary. In this way we feel that the students would leave college with a much better grasp of their subjects and the instructors could do a more thorough job.

A PLEA FOR PEACE

Last week's issue of LIFE carried a letter in the Forum criticizing the stand of the editors in favoring the student strike for peace on April 12, 1935.

Among other things the writer states that "every country in the world is far too much concerned with the problem of stabilizing its own currency and adjusting its own commerce to devote much time in preparing seriously for war of any kind." Recent news dispatches would seem to give us just the opposite impression.

In Tokyo on January 18, Admiral Mineo Osumi, minister of the Navy, told the House of Representatives that Japan must be prepared to see through any naval race "even if we are reduced to eating rice and gruel."

In Washington on February 22 Congress passed a bill appropriating $378,734,448 for the War Department for 1935 of which $318,699,488 is to be used specifically for military purposes. The largest military outlay with one exception, since the budget law of 1921.

The British government adopted on March 4 a new defense policy increasing army, navy, and air forces to keep pace in the armament race. Defense expenditures were up to £124,250,000 or £10,539,000 more than in 1934.

On March 8 the House of Peers in Japan passed the largest military budget in that nation's history—$600,000,000.

In Washington on the same day Congress authorized that the standing army of the United States be increased from 118,750 to 165,000.

In Berlin on March 16 Germany denounced the Versailles Treaty and started to build up a conscript army of 500,000. Austria likewise denounced the Treaty and issued orders to increase the Army. Russia's military expenditures for 1935 are to be 5,000,000,000 rubles over that of 1934. Italy has sent troops to Abysinia ready for instant action. Not an altogether peaceful situation, if we can believe the papers. The Stresa Conference has given the world a thread of hope, but military preparations continue unabated.

In a country confronted with starvation and unemployment, with schools shut down, and with 22,000,000 on relief rolls, it is natural for students to wonder why these huge expenditures should be made for machines of destruction when it would be so much more to the point to feed the hungry, re-establish homes and build schools.

What a useless thing the World War was! Under the guise that they were fighting "A War To End War", 13,000,000 men died, 20,000,000 were wounded and the governments of the world spent $250,000,000,000, yet here we are in 1935 as near war as we ever were.

The real cause of our entering that War is told very graphically in a cable from Walter Hines Page to President Woodrow Wilson on March 5, 1917 which we take from his "Memoirs".

"The pressure of this approaching crisis, I am certain, has gone beyond the ability of the Morgan financial agency for the British and French governments. The financial necessities of the Allies are too great and urgent for any private agency to handle, for every such agency has to encounter business rivalries and sectional antagonism.

"It is not improable that the only way of maintaining our present pre-eminent trade position and averting a panic is by declaring war on Germany."

Was it not General Pershing who informed his hosts, "You business men start the wars. We soldiers only finish them." Can it be wondered that we students agitate against war when we hear such statements and when we read the reports of the Senate Munitions Committee?

The student strike was not against the constituted authority of the schools and colleges. It was merely a world-wide demonstration that the students, internationally, are not in accord with the statesmen of various nations who seem determined to increase military activities.

People criticize us for fear that we will show some emotion However, many of us can remember back to the spread-eagle hysteria of 1917 when propaganda had all the people of the country roused to an emotional intensity that has rarely been equaled. Some say we are too young too think of such things, that we should keep still and do our jobs, but nevertheless we are no so young that we would not be sent to the trenches if war were declared.

THE BONUS

A great deal of alarmist propaganda has recently been spread in attempt to halt the passage of the Patman Bonus Bill. People, without studying the provisions of the act, have cried inflation and let it go at that.

A closer study of the bill will reveal at once that the act is nowhere nearly as dangerous or radical as its enemies have declared. The Adjusted Service Certificates (the Bonus) are due to be paid in 1945. Many other government obligations in the form of bonds are due in the same year. Since 1863 National Banks have been permitted to issue paper currency backed by just such federal obligations. Why cannot the federal government issue money in a similar manner against its own obligations?

In case the dollar drops too rapidly in value, the Patman bill contains a clause to deflate the currency. If the "index number of wholesale commodity prices rises above the index of such prices for the years 1921 to 1929" the Secretary of the Treasury is empowered to contract the currency by any one of four different methods. To prevent a sudden drop of the dollar in foreign markets, use can be made of the huge stabilization fund established for that purpose out of the governments profits from raising the price of gold.

A WORTHY CAUSE

In another column of this paper may be found an open letter to the editor from one of our most loyal graduates, Dr. Thomas H. Norton, of the class of 1884. Mr. Norton's appeal for more backing for the Alumni Fund is a particularly laudable one, and should be considered with more than cursory interest, as it concerns not only the Alumni body as a whole, but also those of us who are about to become members of that group.

The tendency to completely forget one's alma mater after Commencement, is, unfortunately, a universal one. That one should fail to remember his college in a financial way immediately after graduation is understandable, due to the pressing emergencies which arise during the introductory period of life after college. Many who could afford it, however, fail to consider the fact that their preparatory education has in a large measure contributed towards their advancement in whatever line they may have chosen to enter.

With Dr. Norton, then, and on behalf of the alumni committee, we add our voices to the call for more, if not larger contributions. The spirit behind each additional donation is self-evident. Concurrent with the beneficial changes which have been brought by the faculty and students at Hamilton during the past few weeks, a marked awakening of interest on the part of the more recalcitrant members of the graduate body would provide the final touch in the program of advancement which is now so obviously under way at Hamilton College.

"FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY"

Three or four weeks ago some amateur mathamaticians in Denver organized the "Prosperity Club" which is increasing the mails and growing more unpopular. Logically the plan is sound for if the chain is unbroken the original sender of the letter should receive $1,562.50 from 15,625 people. It all starts by the instigator sending the letter to five people who in turn send it on to five friends and each of them send it to five more friends and so on until five has been carried out to the fifth power at which time the instigator's name reaches the top of the list and his 15,625 dimes should pour in, theoretically.

The only catch in the whole proposition is that there are not enough people in the world to make such a chain work. In order to get 15,625 letters you and the 15,624 others seeking to get rich quick, who put up their dimes to enrich the instigator of the scheme, must find 78,125 prospects if they, too, wish to become $1,562.50 wealthier. If these people in turn wish to become members of the scheme they will have to find 390,625 more people. If these 390,625 wish to have $1,562.50 apiece they will have to uncover 1,953,125 prospects and so it goes until 1,220,703,125 contributors would be necessary to give each of our contemporaries $1,562.50.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Ebenezer Root Fitch, '86, of Dowagiac, Mich., and Mrs. Bessie Belle Hart were married April 29, at South Bend, Ind.

Dr. Paul C. Squires, '17, of College Hill, spoke before the New York State Psychologists at Colgate University May 11 on the subject "Beethoven's Creative Psychology".

Charles C. DeAmico, '20, for the past fifteen years a teacher of science in the Albion, N. Y., High School has been appointed vice-principal of the school. William A. Monacelli, '32, has been engaged to do science teaching in the same school.

Paul W. Becker, '25, of Syracuse and Miss Joyce Fuller, Skidmore, '28, were married May 11 in Zion Episcopal Church, Rome, by the rector, Rev. Paul Stevens Oliver, '24.

Paul R. Abbott, Jr., '32, was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 14, with the degree of Bachelor of Theology.

John J. Walsh, '33, won the Benjamin N. Cardozo award in the prize debate at the Albany Law School on May 8.

Rev. A. David Williams, '26, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Oneida, N. Y., has received approval of his master's thesis submitted for the degree of Master of Sacred Theology at Union Theological Seminary. The degree will be conferred at the coming commencement.

FORUM

To the Editor of Hamilton Life,

In common with many other fellow alumni, I have felt a deep interest in the effort to aid our Alma Mater while facing serious financial problems during the current period of depression.

The Alumni Fund Committee of the Hamilton Alumni Council has just issued its third annual appeal, a stirring summons to come to the assistance of the "Mother on the Hill."

In its statistical presentation of donors and total contributions, we see that the number of donors has grown from 75 in 1932, to 131 in 1934, an increase of 75%. The total value of gifts, however, increased only 25.8%. The number of contributing alumni, in 1934, formed 4% of the living alumni.

A comparison is instituted with a nearby college, with a body of alumni, but slightly larger than the number of Hamilton alumni. Our neighbor registered, in 1934, 1,023 contributors to a similar fund.

I was tempted to go further afield, and see what one of our oldest universities, Yale, had to report on the loyalty of its graduates. The system of annual contributions at Yale exists since 1890, and is well organized. There is a special agent of the Fund in each class. In 1934, of the 25,000 living graduates of all departments of the University, 7,045 sent their contributions, 28%!

Confining figures to the Academic Department, the number of contributors were 50% or more in four classes. (Three were reunion classes, '84, '94, '09): they ranged from 29% to 49% in 9 classes (three reunion classes); the range from 10% to 24% was reported by six classes (one reunion class).

Noteworthy was the action of the reunion class of '84. Every one of its living members was a donor. In addition, there were in memoriam gifts from the children or families of one hundred eleven deceased members. The total for the class was $8,434. Three other reunion classes ('99, '04, '09) contributed sums ranging from $5,000 to $10,000.

The growing habit of Yale to send in memoriam gifts to the Alumni Fund is also worthy of note. There were thirteen such gifts credited to '74, and one hundred eleven to '84; while thirty-five similar gifts were credited to twenty various classes, ranging from 1863 to 1910.

Now, what can we learn from the experience at Yale, we who are, or who soon will be, alumni of Hamilton?

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Track and Tennis Men Play Remaining Games Scheduled This Week

Next Saturday the Hamilton track squad will travel to Rochester to take part in the Rochester Invitation Track Meet, which is essentially the same thing as the former Conference Meet. Alfred, Rochester, St. Lawrence, and Hamilton will enter teams, and Buffalo also may make a few entries.

On the basis of past performances, Alfred is favored to take the meet, while Rochester should place second, Hamilton third, and St. Lawrence fourth. Alfred is rated at the top because of its recent defeat of Rochester, 73-58. Rochester last week-end defeated Hamilton, 74-57, and previously had overwhelmed St. Lawrence, 101-30.

Alfred is especially strong in the running events. Java, Alfred's mile and two-mile ace, will be hard to beat, although Gould of Hamilton may give him an interesting race. Schiffner, of Alfred, is outstanding in the hurdles. Alfred's sprinters also are good. In the field, last year's Conference Champions are not so strong. They have one or two good weight men, but will not score heavily in the pole vault or high jump.

Rochester's good and bad points were demonstrated to Hamilton students last Saturday. Rochester's Phillips may take the 880, and will renew his old rivalry with Java in the mile run, from which very fast time is expected. Fink, Bassage, Fogarty, and Wood also will add many points to the Rochester point score.

St. Lawrence's team is rather weak. Their best hopes are Rimkus in the weights, Moos in the pole vault, Rommel in the hurdles, and Pheteplace in the mile.

Hamilton's tennis team will engage in two more matches, both to be played on the Hill, before the college year closes, the first being against Hobart on Friday and the second against Clarkson next Monday. With the improved form that the Hill team has been displaying in its last few matches it is expected that both invading aggregations will receive a hard battle.

In the singles division, strength has gradually been increasing throughout the season, and more wins can be expected than heretofore. Captain Babcock, playing No. 1, has had a discouraging season, due largely to the fact that he does not play the fast type of game that is usually needed to win at that position. His play has improved a great deal, however, and time after time he has forced his opponents to long deuce sets before he has been defeated. Rutherford has been improving all season, and his effective net game has been winning consistently for him. Carruth is back in his old form, and is driving his opponents frantic with his impossible gets and pretty placements from net. Joe Hopkins, a newcomer to the squad, is turning into aconsistent winner even at this early stage in his career, and, with the improvement of his overhead play, for he takes the net frequently, he should be an asset to the team. Brewster and L. C. Smith are two more capable singles men, both playing a sound, steady game that is capable of wearing an opponent down.

With the improved all-around play of the team, the chances of getting by the two remaining matches seem good.

The Hamilton chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary fraternity, will meet on May 27 at Emerson Hall for the induction of new members.

Those men who will be inducted into membership in the fraternity are Richard H. Martin '34, and Meredith S. Conley, Rudyard E. Eldridge, Francis F. Baker, and Norman W. Howard. all of the class of 1936.

Charlatans Elect Yerxa, Hickok and Halsted Officers

At a recent meeting of the retiring executive committe of the Charlatans, together with the faculty advisors, Professors Robert B. Rudd and Paul A. Fancher, and Mrs. A. P. Saunders, the following officers of this Hill dramatic group for next year were elected: president, Fendall W. Yerxa '36; vice-president, Benjamin B. Hickok '36; secretary, S. Arthur Halsted '36.

These three, with the advisors, will constitute the executive committee for next year. The other officers chosen were business manager, George P. Bates '36, stage manager; William S. Holt '37; and property manager, James A. Lawson '38.

Buff and Blue Ball Team Has Four More Games On Schedule

The Hamilton baseball team will wind up its regular schedule in the next ten days with a trip this week-end to play Trinity at Hartford on Friday, and New York State Teachers at Albany on Saturday. On Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, the Hillmen will close their home intercollegiate season in a game against Bard College, formerly St. Stephens, postponed from house party because of threatening weather.

Friday's game with Trinity promises to be one of the hardest of the season for Hamilton, in view of the Trinity record this spring. Trinity has defeated a strong Williams team, 3-0, and Stephens Tech, 11-8; but it has also been defeated by Yale, 16-4, and by Wesleyan, 2-1. However, not much can be predicted as to outcome of this game, as Hamilton and Trinity have not met on the diamond recently.

It should be entirely possible for the Buff and Blue to turn back Albany State on Saturday, as R. S. Glennening '35, pitching against them last year, turned them back with only two hits, Hamilton winning 10-2. The same is true for the Bard game; Glendening last year gave them three hits to win 13-3.

Glendening will very likely see service against one or more of the remaining opponents, as he is now back in trim after a brief sickness. The rest of the pitching will be done by Kellogg, with Betts and VanLoan for reserve.

The Hamilton team is closing its season as it did last year with a game against the alumni on Alumni Day, June 15.

As yet, the faculty committee which has been at work to determine the fate of Sunday Chapel during examination week has come to no conclusion. This means that eventually the matter will be referred to the entire faculty.

Baseball Team Loses to Union In Close Game

Hillmen Go Down 5-3 As Clark of Union Gives Only Three Hits and Strikes Out Six Men

13 Errors Mar Game

Hamilton's baseball team dropped a close decision to Union last Saturday, 5-3, in a contest played on the home diamond. The game was closely contested throughout the nine innings of play, although Union led the home team most of the way.

Ed Kellogg worked on the mound for Hamilton, while Clark, a southpaw, did the twirling for the visitors. Both pitchers turned in good performances, the portsider allowing only three hits and his opponent, Kellogg, being especially effective in the pinches although he gave the Union men ten hits. Kellogg's effectiveness is proven by the fact that during the game he left ten men stranded on the bases when the going got a little rough.

Both teams turned in rather ragged performances in the field, Union making six misplays and Hamilton bobbling seven times. Most of the runs made by both nines were unearned, but came as a result of weak infield play. The first run of the game was counted by Union when Fiore reached first base on an error, stole second while no one covered the bag, and went home on singles by Loomis and Brown. The home team quickly tied the score in the second inning when Bicknell, starting it with a walk, advanced to second on Shinn's sacrifice, reached third on Glendenning's infield out and was sent home by White's timely single, Hamilton's first hit of the game. The Continentals briefly took the lead in the third when Captain Sliter scored on his single, Weld's sacrifice, a steal, and an error. In the first of the fourth, however, Union again regained the lead and held it the rest of the way when Brown and Cadwaller scored. Sliter made Hamilton's final run, while Semerad and Loomis both counted for the visitors.

Sliter made two sparkling plays in the third inning. With Semerad on second, Fiore lined a sharp single to center. Sliter fielded the ball and whipped a beautiful throw to the plate that would have caught Semerad, who was attempting to score on the hit-and-run play, had the ball not taken a bad hop away from Catcher Bicknell. Later in the same inning Fiore, having gone to third on a stolen base and a fielder's choice, tried to score after Sliter's catch of Loomis' fly, but Johnny threw a perfect strike to the plate which easily retired the runner. Wilson also turned in a neat play for the home team in the sixth, when he went far to his right for Reed's grounder and flagged the runner by half a step with his long throw.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferry Return from Short Period of Vacation

On Monday, May 13, President and Mrs. Ferry returned again to Hamilton, after an 11-day vacation which they considered one of their most delightful cruises, having gone to Porto Rico and Santo Domingo.

Sailing on Friday, May 3, Dr. and Mrs. Ferry embarked from New York City on the "Borinquen," an unusually fine steamer of the Porto Rico Line, the name having belonged to the island at the time Columbus made his discovery. The first stop of the trip was made at Porto Rico where a journey of approximately 100 miles was taken through the mountains of the island. Likewise at Santo Domingo, a land excursion was a part of the shore program.

Hamilton Golfers Win Return Match From U. of Rochester, 8-1

Dick Govern playing number 1 man for the Hill easily defeated Captain Johnston of Rochester, 5 and 3. Edwards, the only Hamilton man to lose, went down before White with whom he tied the week before. The best ball of this match was 3 and 2 for Hamilton.

Sabine of Hamilton beat Simpson of Rochester 5 and 4 while Harry Massoth conquered Hughes of Rochester 1 up. The best ball in this match was by Sabine and Massoth, 4 and 3.

Hamilton Track Team Loses Last Home Meet To Rochester Squad

Last Saturday afternoon, the Hamilton College track team lost its last home meet of the year to the University of Rochester by the score of 74 to 57. The Hamilton squad, handicapped by injuries, was never able to overcome Rochester's early lead.

The Summary:

Mile Run—Phillips (R), first; Newton (R), second; Slade (H-, third. Time 4:57.

440-Yard Run—Wood (R), first; Avery (H), second and Smith (H), third. Time 53.5.

100-Yard Dash—McConnell (R), first; Laux (H), second; Meyl (H), third. Time 9.9.

High Hurdles—Fisher (R), first; Cooper (R), second; Beakes (H), third. Time 16.1.

880-Yard Run — Phillips (R), first; Fogarty (R), second; Jones (H), third. Time 2:07.

220-Yard Dash—Meyl (H), first; McConnell (R), second; Wood, (R), third. Time 22.3.

Two-Mile Run—Gould (H), first; Fields (R), second; Newton (R), third. Time 10:54.1.

Low Hurdles—Fisher (R), first; Swartout (H), second; Cooper (H), third. Time 25.7.

Mile Relay—Won by Rochester, (Andrews, Stevenson, Phillips and Fogarty). Time 3:41.1.

Shot Put—Fink (R), first; Norburg (R). second; Nesbitt (H), third. Distance 39' 6".

Pole Vault—Latham (H), and Gorton (R), tied for first; Day (R), third. Height 10' 6".

High Jump—Robinson (H), first; Dunning (H), second; Goebel (R), third. Height 5' 9".

Discus—Nesbitt (H), first; Montrose (H), second; Craytor (R), third. Distance 121' 7"

Javelin—Waasdrop (R), first; deAzevedo (H), second; Miller (H), third. Distance 157' 2".

Broad Jump—Swartout (H), first; Laux (H), second; Goebels (R), third. Distance 20' 1.5".

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Sub-freshman day proved fruitful for the Psi U's—if no one else. Due to the efforts of one Adrian Courtenay, the brotherhoop has been augmented by the addition of one kitten, temporarily labelled Mephistopheles until the sex is more definitely determined. Last Sunday "Mephy" and the boys played "psychology" with "Mephy" being it every time. The most popular experiment proved to be one in which "Mephy" was placed in a labyrinth made of obsolete French books covered with a sheet and left to his (or her) own resourses to find a way out. A good time was had by all—but "Mephy".

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We hate to be continually playing publicity agent for the Dekes but some of them do the darneddest things ever! Tennis playing Bill Carruth is the latest to bid for fame. Appearing in a snappy pair of grey shorts (P.T. variety) he shocked and amazed the intercollegiate tennis world. When interviewed concerning his sudden departure from the conventional Mr. Carruth stated that due to the decrease in gate receipts something had to be done to put a little pep in the show.

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Hauch lectured to the boys on "The Futility of Arguing with Women" in class the other day. Just goes to show hom invaluable a college education can be.

What's this about Patton pushing desks off of lecture platforms in Economics classes? (Prof. Patton also played lacrosse at Oxford).

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predominately a basis for many of our great English classics and the person who has no knowledge of those ancient languages is going to be deprived of much of the value that could be gotten from English literature. Reading English translations of Greek and Latin serve the purpose to a small extent, but no translation can do justice to the original work regardless of the language in which it is written. A piece of art always loses something when it is taken from its own language. In a study of English literature, the writings in other modern languages should not be neglected.

To mention a few subjects which are related, we have philosophy and political science—philosophy giving the theories of men in regard to life and political science showing how these philosophies have developed into governments and political theories. Economics and mathematics are closely related, for the whole science of economis today is based very largely on a thorough knowledge of mathematics. History is an excellent background for any course. The languages are all closely related as are physics, chemistry, biology, geology and mathematics. Psychology and physics have points in common. Ethics, philosophy, political science, history, and the literatures all bear on one another. From this brief survey it can be seen that the courses are interrelated and that knowledge of one will often prove advantageous in another.

This is an age of specialization and to meet this demand all over the country one finds graduate schools specializing in a variety of subjects. In order to meet the trained and skilled competition of the world a college graduate finds that he has to specialize in order to make his mark in the world. True, there is always an exception to the rule, but they are becoming fewer nowdays.

Hamilton College is an undergraduate institution which offers its students an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with a variety of different subjects. A person can never tell what course he will like until he has taken it, just as one who can never say off hand whether a book is good until he has read it. One should not say too early what field he is going to enter for his life work, but rather should spend his four years at college shopping around in all various fields so that he can know what they are like and at the same time entering one or two of them more deeply. After one has broadened his knowledge then the time is at hand to decide what he wishes to specialize in and to devote his time to these subjects in graduate school.

DR. G. WHICHER TALKS ON LIFE OF HORACE

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Some additions were erected during the reign of Adrian, and in the Middle Ages the house became a convent. At this time a chapel and a bath were built outside the original walls. The house proper was 142 feet wide by 147 feet long, with the rest of the enclosed area devoted to gardens and a fish pond. The practicality of the Romans often led them to plant fruit trees in their gardens and to keep edible fish in their ponds, thus making gardens more useful than ornamental.

The observer is quite unprepared by Horace's descriptions of his Sabine farm for anything as pretentious as excavations show it to have been. It shows more regularity in construction than most Roman houses, and architects agree that it had better ventilation than the average home. The beautiful imported marbles which have been found in the mosiacs and walls are not in harmony with the references made to his villa in his writings. As there was no marble around Rome, this stone had to be imported at a tremendous cost. It has been estimated that the farm consisted of at least 150 acres of land.

Six or eight of the frescoes have been preserved, but by far the best one is a picture of Dionysus. The mosiacs on the floors show that the most expensive marbles were used in their construction.

Dr. Whicher stated that Horace was a friendly man and that his emotional power was best shown in his poems about friendship. It was also pointed out that Horace modeled his poetry after that of the Greeks. As it was customary for the Greeks to include womens' names merely for the meter, this may account for the large number of women's names used by Horace in his love poetry.

Dr. Whicher's readings from his poems were enjoyed by all. He took his selections from his book "On the Tibur Road," and among those poems which he read were "To the Victim" and a more familiar one entitled "On Sabine Hills."

SUNDAY'S COLLECTION TO AFRICAN HOSPITAL

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spending all their free time traveling about discussing religion with other natives. In all, 4,231 converts have been made in the last ten years.

The need for more money is always pressing in the hospital's work. Patients travel to the hospital from spots 1,000 miles or more distant. Charges for their treatment are nominal as most of them are of course very poor. In 1934 alone, 6,714 patients visited the hospital. For these there were required 614 major operations and 249 minor operations. These surgical patients are frequently brought in on rude and primitive chairs slung from poles, in which they are forced to travel long distances. The number of maternity cases which the hospital handles has also been increasing every year, but there are still many native women entirely without the aid of modern hospital methods in their periods of childbirth.

Invaluable laboratory work has been carried on at the hospital, under the leadership of Zo'obo. Another important department is the McBurney Nursery. Here are cared for numerous native orphan babies. These are placed in native families by the hospital. The children's clinics carried on for a time by the hospital restored health to many native infants, but lack of funds has recently caused their discontinuance.

Dental work done in the hospital, largely by Endelemang and Zo'obo, has renewed the vigor of large numbers of natives who would have gone without aid except for the hospital. The Governor of Cameroun has recently commended the Central Hospital's two native dentists upon their work.

One of the most important features of the hospital is the leper colony which it maintains. 700 lepers are being handled regularly. Fifty-one complete cures have been affected from this loathsome disease.

In spite of the great difficulty which Dr. Weber and his associates are experiencing in gaining financial support for the present functions of the hospital, they have hopes for the future not only of continuing the present work, but of reopening the vitally necessary medical work in Spanish Guinea.

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COAL MINES VISITED BY GEOLOGY CLASS

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mine were observed Friday. At this time the group had a ride in one of the largest coal stripping shovels that is in use in the country, it weighing about 700 tons. Saturday the party took a trip 150 feet underground to observe the methods used in mining coal. They learned the processes and the stages of preparation that the coal must go through before it is ready for breaking and other surface operations. On the underground trip the Division Engineer and a geologist of the company served as guides, and specialists of the company explained the various phases of the mining process. Dr. Peoples, head geologist of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co., was the chief guide and supervised the trips about the mine.

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In many cases, the class secretary would be probably the most effective agent, although in the large classes of the present century, it might be advisable not to place too heavy a load upon the usually most loyal and devoted member of the class. Beginning with 1865, not a single class at Yale fails to have its contributors to the Fund. In 1934, Hamilton classes failed to include a single contributor!

Next, why not follow the example of Yale, and make reunion years notable for class contributors to the needs of the alma mater? The inspiring example of the class of '84 of Yale is cited above. Hamilton's class of '84 made such a fine show last June, when 18 of its 25 surviving members celebrated their semi-centennial. But, what an inspiring, stimulating feature it would have been in the Alumni Committee's survey, if '84 had been credited with 25 donors!! Fancy the effect on the imagination, the loyalty, even on the spirit of rivalry among the other 70 classes. Perhaps I should say "sixty-nine classes," for one Hamilton class did equal the record of Yale's'84. Every living member was a donor, and, in addition, there were several in memoriam gifts from the children of deceased members. I am grateful that I chanced to be one of that group, animated by a common, spontaneous feeling of loyalty to the alma mater.

Apart from the ties of kinship, there are a few more potent causes for lasting comradeship, for lifelong association with an institution that the quadrennium passed in college days.

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"Sure, enjoy yourself," said Jim. "It's a ding good cigarette."

I was working way late at the office one night and ran out of cigarettes. When Jim the watchman came through I tackled him for a smoke.

"Sure," says Jim, and he handed over a pack of Chesterfields. "Go ahead, Mr. Kent, take three or four."

Jim said he'd smoked a lot of cigarettes in his time, but he'd put Chesterfield up in front of any of 'em when it came to taste.

. . . "and they ain't a bit strong either," is the way Jim put it.

That was the first Chesterfield I ever smoked. And I'm right there with him, too, when he says it's a ding good cigarette.

Interesting—how people find out about Chesterfield

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